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### **Oil, Gas Leases to be Offered at Mosquito Creek Lake**

The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern States announced today a decision to make the Federal oil and gas resources at the Corps of Engineers' (COE) Mosquito Creek Lake project area in Trumbull County available for oil and gas leasing. The COE provided their consent to leasing on July 27 and September 23, 1999.

"The Bureau of Land Management has reviewed all data and is convinced that leases can be made available that will, if developed, ensure that any production is done in an environmentally safe manner. We as an agency are committed to environmentally safe standards and monitoring so that America's needed oil and gas reserves are produced while safeguarding the land, air and water resource," Eastern States Director Gayle Gordon said.

Approximately 11,100 acres of federally owned oil and gas at Mosquito Creek Lake will be offered for lease at a BLM lease sale to be held on June 29, 2000 in Springfield, Virginia. Leases will be offered with the following restrictions:

- No wells or facilities will be located on or within 200 feet of COE lands.
- No wells or facilities will be permitted on Lakeview Local School District property.
- No wellbores will be permitted to be drilled through portions of two COE tracts located near the dam for protection of the dam structure.

Prior to making this decision, BLM, in cooperation with the COE and Ohio Department of Natural Resources, completed a detailed Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessment (PA/EA) which analyzed and documented potential environmental impacts associated with leasing the Federal mineral resource. Extensive public review and comments were used in compiling the PA/EA.

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